

R12-4-405. Importing, Purchasing, and Transporting Live Wildlife Without an Arizona License or Permit

- A. An individual may import mammals, birds, and reptiles not listed in R12-4-406 without a license or permit from the Department if the animals are lawfully possessed under a valid license, permit, or other form of authorization from another state, the United States, another country, or are possessed under a lawful exemption.
- B. An individual may import live aquatic wildlife not listed in R12-4-406 without a license or permit from the Department under the following conditions:
 - 1. The wildlife is lawfully possessed under a valid license, permit, or other form of authorization from another state, the United States, another country, or is possessed under a lawful exemption;
 - 2. The wildlife is used only for the aquarium trade or a fish farm, as defined in R12-4-401, or for restaurants or markets that are licensed to sell food to the public;
 - 3. If the wildlife is for the aquarium trade or a fish farm, the wildlife is accompanied by a valid license or permit issued by another state or the United States that allows the wildlife to be transported through this state;
 - 4. If the wildlife is for restaurants or markets, the wildlife is killed before it is transported from the restaurant or market, or if transported alive from the market is conveyed directly to its final destination for preparation as food; and
 - 5. If the individual is engaged in the aquarium trade and wishes to purchase aquatic live wildlife or the individual wishes to purchase aquatic live wildlife for restaurants or fish markets.
- C. Aquatic live wildlife that is used in the aquarium trade shall not be used for any reason other than as a pet or in an ornamental display. An individual in the aquarium trade shall not use wildlife that is listed as restricted live wildlife under R12-4-406. An individual shall keep live aquatic wildlife that is used in the aquarium trade in an aquarium or an enclosed pond that does not allow the wildlife to leave the aquarium or pond, and does not allow other live aquatic wildlife to enter.
- D. An individual shall obtain an appropriate special license listed in R12-4-409(A) before importing aquatic live wildlife for any purpose not stated in subsection (B). An individual may import aquatic live wildlife into this state if an exemption exists in this Chapter.
- E. An individual may purchase, possess, exhibit, transport, propagate, trade, rent, lease, give away, sell, offer for sale, export, or kill wildlife or aquatic wildlife or its offspring without an Arizona license or permit if the wildlife is lawfully imported and possessed as prescribed under subsections (A) or (B).
- F. An individual shall use and dispose of wildlife that is taken under an Arizona hunting or fishing license as prescribed by R12-4-404, or R12-4-417 and this Article, if applicable.